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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Andrew Joseph Rudy

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 January 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-49 are pending. Applicant's January 19, 2005 Amendment and REMARKS have been reviewed. A supplemental correspondence notice dated January 19, 2005 stating that no preliminary amendment (PA) or any information disclosure statement (IDS) was filed with the USPTO is noted. However, the January 19, 2005 reference to the PA and IDS by Applicant notes that 58 claims (10 independent) was previously paid for. This is not correct as only 46 claims were previously paid for.

Also, the January 19, 2005 Amendment Applicant indicates, page 3, last paragraph, that "Applicant's have added three independent claims." Again, this is not consistent with the record. Three dependent claims, 47-49, were added via the January 19, 2005 Amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claims 1-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mitchell, US 6,520,540.

Applicant is directed towards the October 19, 2004 Office Action, paragraph 4. Applicant's January 19, 2005 REMARKS have been reviewed, but are not convincing. First, Applicant does not specifically address the new grounds of rejection from these REMARKS. The reference to Applicant's September 14, 2003 facsimile response is noted. However, the June 13, 2003 Office Action that precipitated the September 14, 2003 response is not the same

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as the October 19, 2004 Office Action, paragraph 4. Applicant's January 19, 2005 REMARKS are not clear as to why the claims distinguish over Mitchell. Applicant has not traversed the Official Notice cited in the October 19, 2004 Office Action, paragraph 4. Thus, the October 19, 2004 Official Notice is deemed conceded. As a result, Applicant has not provided any arguments that present why the previous rejection is in error. Regarding claims 47-49, these methods have been common knowledge within the shipping art. To have provided such for Mitchell, in view of Official Notice, would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. The motivation for having provided such would have been implementing common knowledge customer/provider service in the shipping art.

3. Further pertinent references of interest are noted, e.g. Wertenberger, US 6,698,619 discloses Applicant's inventive concept. See attached PTO-892.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory

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action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Joseph Rudy whose telephone number is 571-272-6789. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert P. Olszewski can be reached on 571-272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Joseph Rudy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "A".